THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) the rquired information is given in the enclosed annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure. 149].

(d) New LPG connections are being released by the oil industry all over the country, including in Tamil Nadu, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to augmentation in availability of LPG, through its expanding distributorship network.

Profits eanred by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited on Wrong Numbers

4491. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any survey as to the indirect profits (through wrong numbers and registering of complaints) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited earns due to fault rate of 20 per cent prevailing in Delhi;

(b) what is the amount earned by Government through registered and unregistered *i.e.* repeated complaints on 198 (which is metered now) during the last four months; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to reduce this illegal and unethical profit being earned by the Mahanager Telephone Nigam Limited?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR, BAHADUR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However it is not correct to assume that every fault results in wrong numbers.

The percentage of incidence of wrong calls is very small in the system. The wrong calls can be due to:

(i) wrong and improper dailing by subscribers; and

(ii) a few system faults.

The tariff structure does take into account the normal incidence of such faults.

(b) The fault repair service (198) is not metered and therefore, calls to this service are not charged.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) & (b) above.

Thermal Units under the Administrative Control of NTPC

4492 SHRI V.GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of thermal units under the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) what is the installed capacity of each unit and their respective past performance;

(c) how many more units are under construction and what will be their installed capacity;

(d) how much funds have been allotted for each of these new projects during the current year and

out of it, how much has been spent in the case of each unit;

(e) what is the tentative schedule for commissioning of each of these units: and

(f) whether any of these units are behind time schedule; if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) :(a) to (e) At present National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is constructing/operating eight thermal power projects and three Gas based projects. The details of the projects showing the status of commissioning of various units are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure 150]. The allocation of funds and their expenditure project-wise for 1988-89 are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 151].

(f) Three units of 200 MW each at Farakka, one unit of 500 MW at Rihand and two units of 210 MW each at Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project were commissioned behind schedule. The commissioning of Farakka units, were delayed largely due to industrial relation problems at site. The Rihand unit was delayed due to slippage in supplies and erection by M/s. NEI of U.K. Vindhyachal units were delayed due to non-sequential supply of equipments from USSR and industrial relation problems at site.

Power Generation from Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant

4493. SHRI T.R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when all the units of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant are likely to become operational;

(b) what will be the total power generation therefrom;

(c) how many units of power will be transmitted to Kerala, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka when all the units will become operational;

(d) whether there is any proposal to link Ramagundam with Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka with 800 KV line in view of load factor and distance; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):(a) The Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project will be completed with the commissioning of the last 500 MW unit expected in 1990-91.

(b) and (c) The total capacity of the project is 2100 MW, out of which the shares of Kerala, Pon-